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Fund for Laid-Off Employees Established

In response to the hardships suffered by campus employees who have been laid off, the Laid-Off Employees Assistance Fund (LOEAF) has been created as an extension of the Emergency Loan Fund (ELF). It will provide as much as \$1,000 to employees, within six months of their last pay check, if they have been let go as a result of budget constraints.

"Many people have called my office feeling bad for co-workers who have been laid off and asking if there is anything they can do. I tell them about the fund and that's where a significant part of our donations have come from," says Tom Ruggieri, co-coordinator of the Faculty Staff Assistance Program, which administers the ELF.

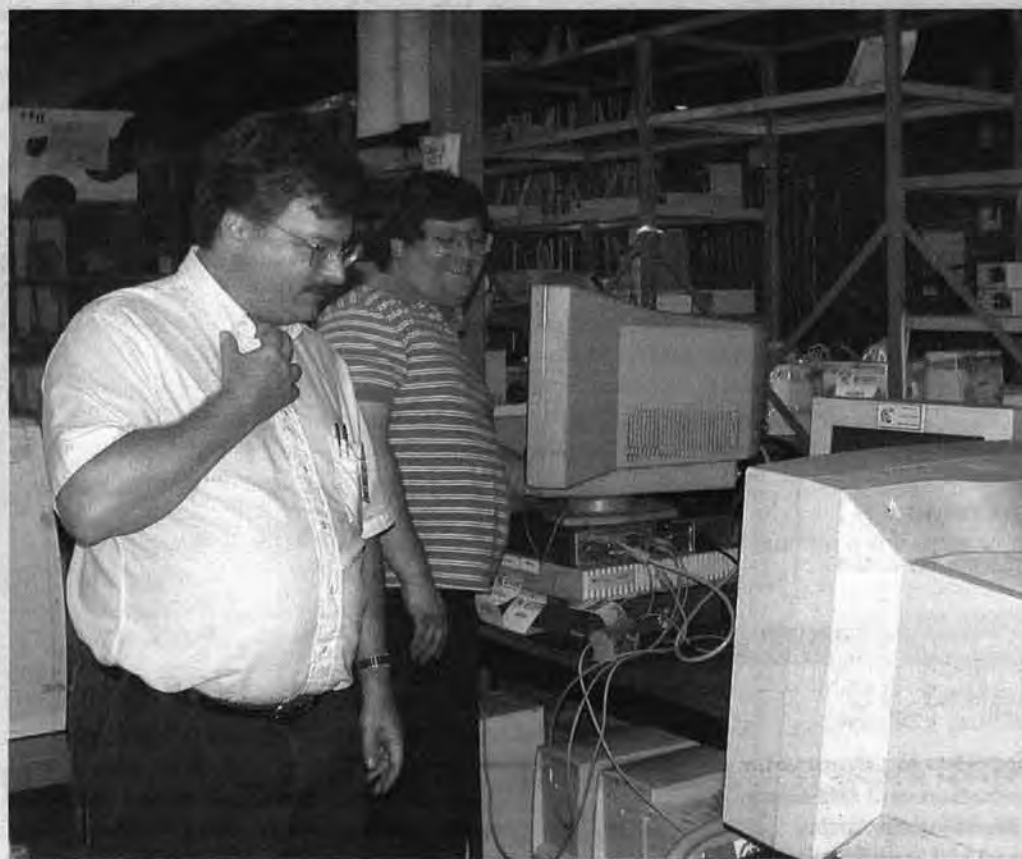
"I was giving a presentation last week and during the break, one of the attendees stopped me and wrote a check to the fund for \$100. Rev. Beth Platz called me yesterday and offered \$700 to the fund that her church had collected during one of their yard sales. One administrator donated \$500 and two others donated \$1,000 each."

Provost Bill Destler provided a lead gift of \$15,000 and the LOEAF now totals \$18,438.51.

"I am grateful that even in these very difficult times, people are finding it in their hearts to be very generous," says Ruggieri.

Donations can be made to the UMCP Foundation (designated for LOEAF) and sent to Terry Miller at Carlton Building, Suite 217, Campus, 3375.

Redistribution Means Savings for All



Terrapin Trader customers Bob Koehler, left, and Robert DiRosario check out computer equipment.

Silos, pulpits, power cords, paper weights, dump trucks, boats and airplane engines—Terrapin Trader has been known to sell it all.

Located across Route 1 on Paint Branch Parkway, this Department of Procurement and Supply surplus property operation functions much like a massive garage sale. When system schools, or even Maryland collegiate neighbors, need to unload dorm furniture, computers, or file cabinets, they can call the Trader.

"When a department no longer needs a reusable item, they can complete a Terrapin Trader form, call the Trader for pickup and consider it done," says Larry Walton, assis-

tant director for the physical distribution center.

Every day, Trader employees are picking up surplus items, though they'll leave three-legged chairs and other pieces that obviously are not functional. Within seven days of request for pickup, the item is gone and the customer just waits for compensation from the sale of the merchandise. On average, the Trader returns to the original owning department \$300,000 per year from the redistribution of capital equipment sales. Capital equipment is any item worth \$5,000 or more, or any portable and/or sensitive

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Union Food Court to Offer New Options

The Student Union Food Court is almost complete. With this completion, the campus is anticipating the opening of several new locations including Panda Express®, Chick-fil-A® and a full-service Taco Bell®. The new locations, depending on the completion of the construction, should be open for business by the week of Aug. 25. A new McDonald's® and Freshens®, featuring smoothies, pretzels and yogurt will open shortly thereafter.

As construction continues in the Union, however, three popular Union locations will begin closing in August, the Coffee Bar, Taco Bell Express® and The Pizza Shop. The Coffee Bar will close Friday, Aug. 8. A new Coffee Bar is expected to reopen in a new location in 2004. A temporary Coffee Bar Express cart will open outside Adele's Restaurant to meet guests' morning caffeine needs by providing freshly brewed Starbucks Coffee®, Taco Bell Express® and the Pizza Shop will close Friday, Aug. 15. McDonald's® is scheduled to close the week of Aug. 18 and will reopen when construction on their new restaurant is complete.

The Marketplace Deli Cart, located on the ground floor of Stamp Student Union, and the new Coffee Bar Express cart will be open the week of Aug. 18 in order to meet the needs of Union customers prior to the opening of the new food service locations in the new food court. Planning for the new food court began in 1992 with input from students, faculty and staff.

"This input helped us to mold the concept and the offerings to fit our guests' needs," said Joe Mullineaux, associate director for the Department of Dining Services. "We are very excited that the food court is almost ready to open."

The next phase of the new food court, to be completed in 2004, will bring additional foodservice concepts to the Union, including Sbarro®, Steak Escape®, and an expanded Marketplace Deli featuring Boar's Head® products.

"The Stamp Student Union is looking forward to offering the expanded variety of popular dining options to the campus," said Steve Gnadt, associate director of the Stamp Student Union.

County Students Soar in Summer Science Program

Pieces of plastic tubing, elastic string and lots of patience went into each tiny model rocket. So when, during the culminating friends and family picnic, all launched successfully, it seemed a fitting and symbolic end to the Up, Up and Away program.

Run through the College of Engineering's Center for Minorities in Science and Engineering and part of the statewide Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) program, the year-long initiative introduces county public school students to the wonders of these fields. This



Teaching Fellow Peter Rankel works out the rockets assembly along with (l to r) Sheveir Ross, Ashida Morrison and Stephanie Onye.

year's 37 middle schoolers spent the two-week summer

portion building hot air balloons, paper and balsa wood

airplanes, and the rockets. They worked with teaching fellows Peter Rankel, Kevin McCarthy and Dave Saranchak from the Materials Research Science and Engineering Center, and undergraduate students Jeremy Rodgers, Ashley Means and Ogbonia Orji. The kids also took a field trip to the College Park Aviation Museum and NASA Goddard.

This is the first year the Prince George's County site served middle schools and was hosted by the university, said Taifa Hibbert, MESA regional coordinator.

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YOUR GUIDE TO UNIVERSITY EVENTS : AUGUST 12-SEPTEMBER 8

TUESDAY

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9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Creating Effective Presentations for the Classroom 4404 Computer & Space Science. Learn to enhance the visual impact of PowerPoint presentations by exploring the issues surrounding color selection and graphic composition, enhancing presentations through thoughtful integration of imported graphics, Word Art, charts and through useful presentation tools like "Meeting Minder." This module of the Institute for Instructional Technology is open only to faculty and those teaching credited courses. Registration is required at www.oit.umd.edu/iit/register.html. For more information, contact Deborah Mateik at 5-2945 or zdeb@umd.edu, or go to www.oit.umd.edu/iit/current.html.

1-4 p.m., PhotoShop for Digital Cameras, Scanners and the Web LeFrak, room 0214. Learn to size, edit and manipulate photos with PhotoShop. Topics covered: colors, effects, filters and many more image manipulation tools. This BSOS-sponsored class will cover a lot of material in four Tuesday and Thursday sessions. Prerequisite: functional knowledge of Windows and Web browsing. Cost: students, faculty, staff and alumni, \$189; public, \$289. For more information, contact the LearnIT Staff at 5-1670, or go to <http://LearnIT.umd.edu>.

THURSDAY

august 14

8:45 a.m.-4 p.m., OIT Short-course Training: Intermediate MS Access 4404 Computer & Space Science. Participants will learn to: normalize sample tables; establish relationships between tables; design select queries by using multiple tables; customize form designs by creating calculated fields, combo boxes and unbound controls; and customize report designs by grouping, sorting and summarizing data, and by adding sub-reports. The fee is \$90. To register, visit www.oit.umd.edu/sc. For more information, contact Jane S. Wieboldt at 5-

Mars Observing Nights

The UM Observatory, on Metzger Road between Adelphi Road and University Blvd., will host several free, informal public observing nights for viewing the planet Mars, weather permitting, during the month of August. The dates are August 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29 and 30, from 9 to 11 p.m. For more information (and to find out whether an observing night has been cancelled due to inclement weather), call the Observatory information line at 5-6555 or visit www.astro.umd.edu/openhouse.

0443, or go to www.oit.umd.edu/sc.

SATURDAY

august 16

10 a.m.-1 p.m., Commuter Information and Off-Campus Housing Saturday Hours 1150 Stamp Student Union. Through August 23, the office will be open for Saturday hours. Commuter information specialists will be on hand to assist students, faculty and staff in searching for housing and transportation information. For more information about the service, call 4-3645, send e-mail to och@accmail.umd.edu, or visit www.cacs.umd.edu/OCH.

MONDAY

august 18

7:30 p.m. Army Blues Jazz Ensemble Kay Theatre, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. The U.S. Army's premiere jazz band teams up with drumset artists John Riley and Ed Soph in a tribute to the legendary Woody Herman. Free. For more information, call (301) 405-ARTS or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

TUESDAY

august 19

1-5 p.m., Inter- and Intra-State Conflict in Latin America: Translating Research into Action Dorchester Hall. The campus community is invited to join the Latin American Studies Center (LASC) and the Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM) to share their experience working toward conflict resolution across Latin America.

Visit www.umd.edu/LAS/ for complete program information. For more information or to reserve a space, contact Tanya Huntington at 58933 or thunting@wam.umd.edu.

MONDAY

august 25

1-4 p.m., Learn Web Development-Quick and Easy! LeFrak, room 0214. Learn to create, edit and maintain Web pages using standard HTML and FrontPage. In three short sessions, participants will learn to create an attractive and effective Web presence. Prerequisites: familiarity with Windows and the ability to open, save and copy files. Cost: students, faculty, staff and alumni, \$199; public, \$129. For more information, contact the LearnIT Staff at 5-1670, or go to <http://LearnIT.umd.edu>.

MONDAY

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2-4:30 p.m., The Multi-Ethnic Student Welcome and OMSE Open House Hornbake Plaza. The Office of Multi-Ethnic Student Education (OMSE) and the Department of Resident Life cordially invite the campus community to a new student welcome and OMSE Open House (rain date Sept. 15, same time). Those who wish to reserve a table to display information and resources about a college, unit or program can RSVP to Joseph Sherman at 5-5619 or jsherman@deans.umd.edu.

For additional event listings, visit <http://outlook.collegepublisher.com>.

Trader: Moving goods

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equipment, such as desktop computers.

Walton says their seven-days goal is in response to the first of two directives: departments want their surplus out of the way and they want to get money for it.

Not only does the campus community benefit from the redistribution, so can the public, which Walton says is 60 percent of the operation's customer base. The Trader does not accept cash, though it operates as a cash-and-carry facility for the public. They will deliver purchased items

monitor disposal fees.

"Did you know that there is a pound of lead in every monitor?" asks Walton. "You can't put these in landfills."

Those computers that can be repaired, with minimal work, sit in the rear left corner of the facility. Waterman says that those stocked by the Trader are not high end, but they work.

And that's the thing: if it works and there's an interest in it, Terrapin Trader will sell it. According to Glenn Warner, a staff member, at least 17,000 pieces moved through the Trader last year. If they can't sell something whole, they break it into sellable parts. The solar house built by students for last summer's Solar Decathlon on the National Mall was damaged when it was removed from its trailer after being returned to campus. The Trader sold all of the components.

"And we gave the money to mechanical engineering," says Waterman.

The benefits of redistributing surplus property have caught on nationally with universities. Walton, Waterman and Painter hosted 12 universities for the first conference for university surplus property managers four years ago. This year's conference in Tucson hosted 46 schools.

"All we do is redistribute," says Walton. "Again, one man's trash..."

to campus offices. In order to expand its student customer base, Transportation Manager Doug Waterman says the Trader is extending its delivery area to include students in the greater College Park area.

Part of the store's charm is its customer service. Walton and Waterman make it clear that they are there to serve. No reusable items, except hazardous materials, are turned away. "Because what's that saying? 'One man's trash is another man's treasure,'" says Walton. "It's a win-win situation, for the buyer, the seller, and Terrapin Trader loves it when a plan works." Such as it did recently when a well maintained 52-foot boat was sold to Greg's Marine Construction Inc. for security and supply runs to the liquid gas pier near Chesapeake Beach. For such large items, Mike Painter, Trader manager, goes to the customer to inspect the surplus, make pricing recommendations and prepare a site sale.

Although furniture sales are the lifeblood of the operation, a new area of emphasis for the Trader is on computer components. A recently penned contract with UNICOR, a federally run business that hires out prison labor, allows the university to ship truckloads of unusable computer equipment to Fort Dix for dismantling. The parts are then shipped to various recycling companies. Each shipment saves the university approximately \$7,000 in

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Stages

NEWS FROM THE CLARICE SMITH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

SoleMates Links Dance Traditions

The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center opens its 2003-2004 season, titled "We'll Take You There," with the Maryland premiere of "SoleMates," featuring Annapolis-based Footworks Percussive Dance Ensemble

ping. The two groups utilize instrumental music, song and dance to discover and celebrate the ways in which their art forms are related and to transcend cultural differences.

The program explores a wide range of dance traditions—from the dances of the Balanta People of Senegal,



Members of Footworks and Step Afrika! perform "Solemates."

and Washington, D.C.-based Step Afrika! on Friday, Sept. 12 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 14 at 3 p.m. in the Ina & Jack Kay Theatre.

There will be discussions held before both performances—Sept. 12 at 7 p.m., moderated by Jennifer Cutting from the American Folklife Center, and Sept. 14 at 2 p.m., moderated by choreographer/dancer Gesel Mason from Mason/Rhynes Productions.

SoleMates is the critically-acclaimed collaboration between Footworks, which specializes in traditions of Southern Appalachian music and dance, and Step Afrika!, which specializes in tap, South African gumboot dancing and the African-American fraternity and sorority art form of step-

West Africa to Irish stepdancing to South African gumboot dancing to clogging. Segments like "Miner's Joy" deftly weave the talents of both groups together and highlight commonalities. Footworks demonstrates dances that boosted the morale of miners in Kentucky, and Step Afrika! illustrates the gumboot dance that buoyed spirits of workers who labored in the oppressive mining industry of apartheid-era South Africa. Gumboot has become one of the most popular traditions in all of South Africa.

Tickets are \$25, \$5 for students (two tickets per ID). For tickets or more information, call (301) 405-ARTS, or go to www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

A Vocal Community

This fall semester offers a rare opportunity to become a part of the Vocal Community, a dynamic course offered to undergraduate and graduate students and to the broader community by the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center in collaboration with the UM School of Music.

Ysaye Barnwell, master teacher and longtime member of the Grammy-winning female a cappella ensemble Sweet Honey in the Rock, will build a community choir, offering participants an exploration into the deep roots of African American choral and congregational traditions. The class will meet Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. beginning Sept. 2 in Ulrich Recital Hall (1125 Tawes), and will culminate with a Dec. 9 concert in which participants will perform as the Sweet Honey in the Rock Community Chorus.

Called "A Seasonal Celebration of Endings and Beginnings," the concert will present traditional and contemporary choral works in observance of Christmas and Kwanzaa, along with other works.

This is the first time Barnwell brings her interactive and dynamic community-singing model to a university setting. Individuals can still sign up to take the class for credit. Register via Testudo for MUSC448V, Selected Topics in Music: The Vocal Community. For more information, contact Adina Williams at (301) 405-5974 or adina@wam.umd.edu.

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Capturing Life on Film

Sharon Tazelaar is all about achieving, and she has a decade-long career in photography to prove it. Her career in the field, however, would not take shape until well into her adult life, as a stay-at-home mother of four in Bowie.

"I agreed to submit articles about positive endeavors of my children's school to the education reporter at a local newspaper," she explains. "Once in a while I would submit a photo to go with the article and soon afterward, other schools in the

radio station WPGC-FM, and Congressman Steny Hoyer; as well as Jesse Jackson, Cal Ripken and former President Bill Clinton. "I covered every aspect of photojournalism... It's amazing what kind of excitement you can uncover even working for a weekly publication with a distribution of only 25,000," Tazelaar says.

One of her most cherished photos is one that landed her acclaim. In it she captured an altercation between two school children. The photo won her first place and best in show for spot news by the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association, awards for which she beat out reporters from The Washington Post, Washington Times and the Baltimore Sun. Tazelaar also won numerous other awards throughout her career.

Despite her love and talent for photography, the job eventually took its toll on Tazelaar. During one of her assignments she fell off a van, an injury that led to two knee surgeries and contributed to her decision to leave the profession. She had also reached the end of her journey as a stay-at-home mom.

"I finally decided that now that my kids were older and out of the home, I wanted to settle into a desk job," says Tazelaar.

She now works as an administrative assistant in the School of Public Affairs in the Smith School of Business.

Tazelaar says that one of the most heartwarming aspects of her photography career was taking pictures of people.

"Some people say they're not good looking, but I found beauty in everyone I photographed," Tazelaar said. She also still does photography for select events like weddings.

When asked what advice she would give to a person with a career and a family who is interested in pursuing photography, her response was definitive.

"First of all, don't be afraid to inquire. I walked into the Bowie-Blade [to ask for a job]... Look everywhere; there's always opportunity. You can't be afraid... believe in yourself and do it," Tazelaar said.

—Seyi Iwarere, senior journalism student

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SHARON TAZELAAR

neighborhood asked if I would take pictures of their events and submit them as well."

Soon she was given the title of education reporter for the Bowie-Blade News for 15 area schools. At the same time, she also did freelance photography for papers such as the Prince George's Sentinel, the Capital Gazette and the Prince George's Journal. She especially loved the photography aspect of her job.

"It was a sheer joy when I worked in the schools. Children are the most marvelous people to photograph," Tazelaar says.

After honing her photography skills, Tazelaar asked the Bowie-Blade if there was a job opening as a photographer. Although there was, the newspaper was reluctant to hire her as staff photographer because she did not know how to develop film. Still, Tazelaar did not allow this to stop her from obtaining the job. "I learned how to [develop film] and came right back," she says.

As a photographer for the Bowie-Blade News, Tazelaar captured numerous events on film—from fires and fights to community and school events. She also has photographed local notable people such as Donnie Simpson, a disc jockey from the hit

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dinator. Of the five state sites running MESA programs, the PG county location usually serves elementary students. Hibbert said the change in age and location is in response to parents' requests and an interest in heightening the program's visibility.

"This is such a critical age. I'm not sure what we will do next year, but it will be here in some form," she said.

Program Coordinator Taifa Hibbert helps Mark Code Jr. with his rocket's tail assembly.



PHOTO BY MONETTE AUSTIN BAILEY

Editor's note: Outlook's feature, extracurricular, takes occasional glimpses into university employees' lives beyond their day jobs. We welcome story suggestions; call Monette Austin Bailey at (301) 405-4629 or send them to outlook@accmail.umd.edu.

For Your Interest

Crew Coach Sought

The University of Maryland Crew is looking for a volunteer novice coach. Every year, about 30 undergraduates join the club with no prior rowing experience and finish the season with a love of the sport. Last year's novices competed in the semifinals at the Dad Vail regatta and won bronze at the Mid-Atlantic Collegiate Crew Championships.

To get involved, contact Dan Cardy at dgc@umd.edu or call (301) 706-4775.

New Name, Same Service

Effective July 1, the new name of the Personnel Services department will be the Department of University Human Resources. It will continue to be located on the first floor of the Chesapeake Building. The new Web address is www.uhr.umd.edu; those going to personnel.umd.edu will be redirected to the new site.

Computer Discounts Available to University Community

Longing for a new laptop? Dreaming of a new desktop? The Office of Information Technology (OIT) has partnered with Apple and Dell to offer the university community discounted laptops, desktops, personal digital assistants and other technological accessories.

University faculty, students and staff can visit www.helpdesk.umd.edu/purchasing to peruse products for personal or institutional use. The site also provides free software, including a virus-scanning program, to the university community. Faculty, staff, graduate assistants and teaching assistants have the addi-

"Unique and Innovative" Safety Program Recognized



PHOTO BY JANET PETERSON

Robert Galemba (second from left) from the Department of Environmental Health and Safety (DES) recently attended the annual Campus Safety, Health and Environmental Management Association (CSHEMA) conference, where he accepted a Unique and Innovative award presented to the university for the DES's work with Dan Lathrop from physics on a three-meter liquid sodium geodynamo model project. Pictured are, from left, National Safety Council President Alan C. McMillan, Galemba, West Virginia Environmental Health and Safety Director Roger Pugh, former CSHEMA chairperson Marty McDougall and Ohio University Hazardous Materials Manager Leroy Scribner.

tional option of purchasing certain Microsoft products for personal use at a significantly reduced cost.

For more information, call the OIT Help Desk, (301) 405-1500, or go to www.oit.umd.edu.

Change in University E-mail Accounts

University colleges and departments will be able to begin migrating to the new Mail@umd E-mail

System over the 2003-2004 school year, where they will enjoy more stable and accessible e-mail accounts. Mail@umd will eventually replace the Wam, Glue, Accmail, Deans and Umail e-mail systems.

Every member of the university community who has an e-mail address listed in ARES or Testudo currently has an address ending in "@umd.edu" that forwards e-mail sent to it to his or her university account. Faculty and staff can see what their official university e-mail

address is at ARES and students can check at Testudo. When you migrate to the new Mail@umd E-mail System, your e-mail account will be on the mail.umd.edu server. Each user's new e-mail address will end in @mail.umd.edu. Once the migration is complete, users will need to update their official university e-mail account in ARES or Testudo so that the forwarding will be directed to your new address.

For more information, see www.oit.umd.edu/email.

Soil Testing Lab Closes Its Doors

A University of Maryland institution for half a century has closed its doors, a victim of the state's ongoing budget woes. The Soil Testing Laboratory, housed in H.J. Patterson Hall, accepted its last soil sample for analysis on June 30.

The Soil Testing Laboratory was established in 1954, when the practice of science-based fertilizer management was in its infancy. It was the only place in Maryland where farmers could take samples of their soil for analysis. Armed with test data, Maryland Cooperative Extension educators helped farmers interpret the results and made economically and environmentally sound soil management recommendations, such as how much fertilizer to apply.

"The goal was to help farmers produce crops as efficiently as possible by using soil testing information to guide the purchase and application of fertilizers

and other soil amendments they needed. Soil testing remains an essential part of efficient farm management and is a key tool for the protection of water quality by reducing over-application of fertilizers," says Frank Coale, extension soil fertility and nutrient management specialist.

As the practice of soil testing gained popularity, Maryland homeowners also were encouraged to have their soil tested before fertilizing or otherwise amending their lawns and gardens. Soil testing kits were distributed regularly at field days, county fairs and directly from extension offices and the Soil Testing Laboratory.

"The Soil Testing Laboratory provided a valuable—and for many years unique—service to Maryland farmers and homeowners," says Thomas A. Fretz, dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (AGNR). "It was a prime example of the university's land-grant mission of extending

research-based information to residents of the state."

According to Fretz, the difficult and painful decision to close the laboratory was unavoidable given the current economic situation. Never self-supporting, the lab has been subsidized from the beginning by the college and Maryland Cooperative Extension, which can no longer afford its ongoing operating costs.

Fortunately for Maryland residents, private soil testing labs have been established over the years, offering accurate and consistent results at comparable costs. County Extension offices and the Home and Garden Information Center can provide interested individuals a list of several regional labs. The list also is included on the AGNR Web site at www.agnr.umd.edu/SoilTesting/.

Extension educators throughout Maryland will continue to assist clients with interpreting test results and putting them into practice.

New Students Sign Honor Scroll



PHOTO BY MONETTE AUSTIN BAILEY

Incoming students, as part of a recent Orientation program, sign the Honor Scroll in McKeldin Library. All incoming first-year students are asked to sign the 36-by-5-foot scroll, an initiative of the Office of Judicial Programs. It is a follow-up to the Honor Pledge adopted by the university a year and a half ago that students are asked to sign before an exam.